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Second Supplemental Response to Office Action of May, 13 2005


REMARKS

Claims 1-30 and 35 are in the case.

This Second Supplemental Response is intended to supplement the October 13, 2005 First Supplemental Response and the August 15, 2005 Response. This Response is not intended to replace or withdraw the arguments set forth in the October 13, 2005 First Supplemental Response or the August 15, 2005 Response.

The courtesies extended by Examiner Ricardo Palabrica in granting a telephone interview October 20, 2005 with attorney for Applicant, Brian L. Belles, are noted with appreciation. During the interview, Mr. Belles inquired about removing the term "overpack" from the claims because, as was discussed in the personal interview of October 12, 2005, the term "overpack" was not adequate to define the structural characteristics which Applicant intended. Because the claims were amended in the October 13, 2005 First Supplemental Response to positively recite the intended structural limitation that the "cavity has a cross-section that accommodates no more than one spent fuel canister," Mr. Belles opined that the removing the term overpack would not affect the scope of the claim for examination purposes. Examiner Palabrica agreed and instructed Mr. Belles to file this Second Supplemental Response.

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